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OUTLINES.

Torpedo boat Stockton launched in a snow storm at Richmond, Va. —— Two men killed and a third man fatally wounded in a street fight at Demopolis, Ala. ——The case of the railroads against the North Carolina Corporation Commission was argued before Judge Simonton yesterday in Charleston, S. C. ——White citizens of Fort White, Fla., have armed themselves because of threats of negroes to burn the town. ——Mrs. Jas. Jones killed on a railroad trestle near Anderson, S. C. —— Gens. Roberts and Kitchener sailed from Gibraltar yesterday for Cape Town, Africa. —— There is no change in the war situation in South Africa. ——Gen. Otis has issued a decree authorizing civil marriages in the Philippines. —— Emily Hilda Blake hanged at Brandon, Manitoba, for the murder of Mrs. Lane. ——Stockholders of the Florida Central and Peninsula R. R. Co. met and authorized consolidation with the South Bound Co. ——The New York stock market was easier yesterday and prices advanced steadily. —— Two negroes and a white man killed in a race riot at Ridgeland, S. C. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan at 4½ per cent.; cotton, dull; middling uplands 7 9 16c; flour, rather steadier and moderately active; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 74¾c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 40½c; oats—spot dull and easy; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet at 51½@52c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 30 degrees; 4 P. M., 47 degrees; maximum, 51 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.36.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—For North Carolina: Rain Thursday; Friday fair and colder in extreme eastern portion; light to fresh winds, mostly North to West.

Part Almanac---Dec. 28.

Sun Rises	7.13 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 5e P. M.
Day's Length	9 H.38 M
High Water at Southport	4 03 P M.
High Water, Wilmington	7.33 P. M.

Secretary Gage said a few days ago that he "saw no reason for a panic." Of course not. Panics have no reason in them.

William V. Allen, who has again, by appointment, taken his seat in the U. S. Senate, was born in Ohio. But he couldn't help that.

A Northern paper publishes an editorial on "Trust Supervision." The proper and only effective way to supervise trusts is to mash 'em.

Boer sympathizers in Chicago have already sent $8,000 to pay ambulance expenses for wounded Boers and say they will send $100,000.

Mecklenburg county has a colored citizen 96 years old, who, ever since he has been a voter has voted the Democratic ticket. That old fellow ought to live to be at least 300.

They propose to organize some regiments of Rough Riders in England for service in South Africa. And they will some rough work to do.

The Denver (Col.) *Post* asks the pertinent question: "Are the Philippines worth the sacrifices in life and treasure already made?" Not by bookful.

Russia used to get about $3,000,000 a year from taxes on sales of alcohol, but concluded to do the alcohol business itself and now gets 90,000,000 roubles out of it.

Hon. Mark Hanna says he will make the next election "mark an epoch." There will also be some marks like this $ in it, so that we will have a triplet of marks which will make it a somewhat remarkable election.

Hettie Green has promoted her boy. She put him in charge of a Texas railroad and he did it so cleverly that she is now going to give him general charge of her business; but she will keep an eye on him.

In all the towns in the Philippines which Americans control, the natives must have passes to stay out of doors after 8.30 P. M. If one is caught out after that without a pass he is fined $3, a pretty heavy fine for the average Filipino.

The New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, which always remembers the little folk at Christmas, distributed among the children of the poor this Christmas 8,101 presents, 2,553 dolls and 5,548 toys. These presents were purchased with contributions sent in by people who believe in making children happy.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The frame is up for the new government warehouse at foot of Princess street.

— The National Bank of Wilmington announces its eighth dividend, now payable.

— Grace M. E. Church will have its Christmas entertainment to-night at 7.30 o'clock at the city hall.

— The Christmas tree of the Sunday school of the Southside Baptist Church will be given at the church next Monday night.

— The steamboat *Driver* is expected in port this morning from Fayetteville, after having tied up during the holidays at Fayetteville for several days.

— King Bell, colored, was in the municipal court yesterday morning charged with disorderly conduct and assault. He was fined $5, in default of which he went below for fifteen days.

— Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court Marsden Bellamy, Jr., yesterday received from the Secretary of State a charter for "The S. P. Cowan Livery Company," application for which was made last week.

— The schooner *Wm. Linthicum*, Captain Brannock, arrived last evening from Baltimore with fertilizer material for interior points. Captain Brannock reports a rough passage on account of heavy seas, but came into port uninjured.

— Early last night the "laddies" of Engine Company No. 1 discovered that there was trouble with Foreman Russell's chickens under the building. A dog belonging to Mr. Ed. King was secured, and as a result of an investigation a fine 'possum was caught.

— The little 15-months-old daughter of Mr. Ed. Jackson, who resides near the corner of Seventh and Ann streets, was severely burned yesterday morning while left for a moment by its mother in a chair in front of the fire. The flame caught to the baby's clothing.

— Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., have elected officers for the ensuing term, as follows: S. P. G., S. Behrends; N. G., J. F. Craig; V. G., B. F. King; Secretary, J. T. Riley; Treasurer, Wm. Goodman; Widows' and Orphans' Committee, W. L. Smith, L. L. Boon and W. W. Yopp.

— A telephone alarm of fire was sent in at 10.30 o'clock last night from Mrs. Geo. G. Lewis' residence, 216 North Second street. Chief Schnibben and one man responded and found fire burning behind a mantlepiece. The fire was put out by them. The damage was about $25, and is covered by insurance.

— Deputy Collector William Struthers has completed the official measurement of the new stern wheel steamboat *A. J. Johnson*. She is seventy-two feet long over all, twenty-one and a half feet wide, and is of thirty-five tons burthen. She is not nearly so large as the other stern wheelers plying on the upper Cape Fear, but is a very substantial craft, built of new material and furnished with brand new machinery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
King Grocery Co.—Welcome.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—At cost.
W. M. Cumming—For rent cheap.
Opera House—Woodward-Warren Co
National Bank of Wilmington—Accounts solicited.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Saw mill.
Wanted—Carpenters.
A. D. Wessell—For rent.
Star Studio—Photograph free.
For Sale—Plymouth Rock eggs.
The Headlight—Printer wanted.

Distressing Accident.

Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National Bank, received a telegram conveying to him the distressing intelligence that his nephew, Robert Chaffin, was accidentally killed at Bennettsville, S. C., on Tuesday.

The accident occurred at noon and the youth died at 8 30 o'clock that night. It seems that a companion named Edwin Johnson accidentally shot young Chaffin in the face with a gun. The remains were brought to Lumberton, N. C., and the funeral will take place there to-day. Mrs. McQueen went up to attend the obsequies. Mr. McQueen's nephew was 16 years of age, and was the son of his sister.

American Legion of Honor.

At a regular meeting of Clarendon Council, No. 67, held last night, the following were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander—F. E. Hashagen.
Past Commander—A. L. DeRosset.
Vice Commander—Vance Norwood.
Orator—W. W. Harriss.
Secretary—J. C. Morrison.
Treasurer—J. L. Greenewald.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
Guide—John Dyer.
Warden—A. D. Wessell.
Sentry—C. H. Ward.
Trustees—N. Jacobi, A. D. Wessell and A. L. DeRosset.

An Earthquake Shock.

Observant persons who had not retired before 12.30 o'clock Tuesday night report that they felt a distinct earthquake shock about that hour. Those with seismological knowledge reconcile the report with the news of the shock in Southern California Christmas morning.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Important Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Last Night.

THE MAD DOG ORDINANCE.

Applications of Fifty-six Liquor Dealers Granted and Four Rejected—Mayor Chafes Under the Delay of Street Improvements.

The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting last night from 7.30 till 10.30 o'clock, at the City Hall. Mayor A. M. Waddell presided and there were in attendance Aldermen Worth, Spencer, Montgomery, Taylor, West, Hanby, Woolard, Parker and Springer. Absent, Alderman MacRae.

Liquor Licenses Granted.

Applications for license for the sale of malt and spirituous liquors for the six months beginning January 1st, were considered and licenses were granted to the following:

Jas. Elder, southwest corner Market and Eleventh streets; F. Richter, agent, 420 Nutt street; John M. Wright, manager Home Brewing Co., 112 North Water street; Otto Banck, manager Robert Portner Brewing Co., corner Eighth and Brunswick streets; Sol. Bear & Co., 20 Market street; J. C. Walton, Seventh and Castle streets; Wortham & Cardwell, No. 1 Market street; W. A. Vollers, 28 North Front street; J. B. J. Sandlin, 202 MacRae street; Sternberger Bros., 219 North Front street; George Schnibben, corner Seventh and Nixon streets; Martin Schnibben, Sixth and Red Cross streets; Charles Richter, 1022 North Fourth street; I. B. Rhodes, 128 Princess street; N. B. Rankin, 110 North Front street; F. G. Punkie, corner Second and Market streets; The Orton, North Front street; M. O'Brien, corner Nutt and Red Cross streets; F. W. Ortmann, 17 North Second street; T. E. Nixon, 202 Princess street; C. P. B. Mahler, 501 North Fourth street; J. H. Boesch, 801 North Fourth street; B. Bellois, 126 Market street; R. E. Daniels, manager estate N. J. Burch, 6 South Front street; John M. Mayland, 17 and 19 Princess street; Peter Mohr, 1201 Market street; W. H. Lamb, 26 North Water street; F. P. Lamb, 520 MacRae street; J. G. Kuhlken, Sixth and Swann streets; John H. Kuck, 6 North Water street; H. W. Koenig, 826 North Fourth street; Frank Herbst, 22 Market street; W. V. Hardin, 117 Princess street; Geo. H. Heyer, 802 North Fourth street; Jurgen Haar, corner Front and Walnut streets; H. F. Haar, 108 South Front street; C. D. Gore, 911 Orange street; T. J. Gore, 22 South Water street; C. Stern, 208 North Water street; J. S. Sellers, No. 5 Market street; E. B. Haar, 920 Market street; G. W. Linder, 32 South Front street; Gieschen Bros., Atlantic Inn, corner Front and Red Cross streets; J. G. L. Gieschen, 31 South Front street; J. W. H. Fuchs, Front and Orange streets; H. T Duls, Seventh and Chesnut streets; J. W. Duls, 114 South Front street; J. D. Steljes, Thirteenth and Market streets; Capps & Co., 119 South Front street; M. F. Croom & Co., 102 North Water street; J. L. Croom, agent, Water and Grace streets; D. N. Chadwick, 15 Market street; J. H. Brunjes, 927 North Fourth street; B. H. J. Ahrens, 620 Market street.

The board, on account of complaints and public policy, rejected the applications of the following: E P. H. Strunck, 501 South Fourth street; A. V. Horrell, 505 South Fourth street; G. W. Runge, 602 Castle street; S. Seigler, 502 South Front street.

The Mayor Chafes Under Delay.

Mayor Waddell stated that at its annual meeting nearly a year ago the board appropriated $25,000 for street improvements, and yet the year was nearly out and nothing had been done. Frequent complaint of the matter had been made to him. He said he felt that it was his duty to say that according to the city charter he (the mayor) is chairman of all the committees, but through courtesy he had appointed other chairmen and had not exercised his prerogative as chairman of any of the committees. He did not desire to criticise, but things, to his mind, were not going right. As the executive of the city, he was responsible for the administration of the affairs of the city, and in the future he proposed to take a little firmer grip on affairs. He said he was not satisfied about this delay and while he did not put the blame on any one, he chafed under it. He remared that the board had decided to buy a rock crusher and had made provision for rock, and if something was not done towards the improvement of the streets, he did not propose to wait any longer—he would buy the crusher and get the rock himself and begin the work. He especially called attention to the fact that the board had made a large appropriation to improve Princess street and it has not been touched.

Mayor Waddell went on to say that the question of sewerage was another important matter that this board was neglecting. The people want it, and a gentleman had made a proposition to him to furnish the money necessary for a system if the board could get up a plan and submit it.

Alderman Taylor to the Rescue.

Alderman Taylor said that in the absence of Alderman MacRae, chairman of the streets and wharves committee, and as a member of the committee himself, he would say that the committee had done all that could be done. The committee had promptly made a contract with the Castle Haynes company for phosphate rock, but the State changed its system of leasing convicts and they could not be had to get out the rock. The committee, however, had used every ton of rock it could get. He also called attention to the difficulty of getting a crusher, as manufacturers have orders six months ahead. He did not think one could be gotten immediately, as he knew from experience in ordering wire and the iron tower for the fire bell, which had been ordered three weeks ago and not a word had been heard from them.

Alderman Springer asked if it was proposed to improve Princess street with phosphate rock. He said that was not the intention of this board when it decided on the improvement and neither the board nor the people would listen to anything like it either.

Alderman Taylor replied that a petition was being circulated among the property owners along the street to ascertain if they would bear one third of the expense of paving the street, but that their decision in the matter had not been ascertained yet.

Mayor Waddell stated that the petition was awaiting the signature of Mrs. Currie, owner of the property on the southwest corner of Second and Princess streets. He said it was proposed to pave the street with vitrified brick or asphaltum, and he would say very plainly that if the improvement was not soon begun he would purchase the material and have it done in some manner himself. He declared that he wanted something done. He gave notice to the board that it would be necessary for him to make himself chairman of each committee and after the next meeting he would be chairman of all committees.

A Sewerage System.

As to sewerage, Alderman Worth stated that at the last meeting of the Board he had been appointed a committee of one to investigate and report back a plan for a sewerage system. He had a proposition from parties to furnish the necessary funds if the city would submit the plans. This, he said, he found it impossible to do now, as the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Herring, the eminent sanitary engineer of Philadelphia, could not be found. The plans had been found after a search, but they were useless without the specifications. He said he would be ready to submit a report at the regular meeting of the Board next Monday night. The matter then went over till then.

The Mayor presented a bill of $5 for Yopp & Helm for rent of a bicycle accompanied by a bill for $45 for the purchase of the same. He explained that a wheel had been rented for Policeman Guy to chase scorchers on Market street, and that it had been decided that it would be better to buy the wheel outright than to pay rent for it. On motion of Alderman Taylor it was decided to pay the bill, less the rent, which he said was not fair for the city to pay if it bought the wheel.

A communication was read from the Board of Audit and Finance inquiring about the action of the Board in exempting the property of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company from taxation. It was explained by Alderman Worth that only the capital stock of $10,001, which is invested in property already taxed, is exempted from taxation. On motion it was ordered that $1200 of the company's property which had not been listed for five years be listed for taxation.

The Mad Dog Ordinance.

The Mayor next took up the dog question and read a petition numerously signed, urging the Board to make permanent the ordinance adopted November 25th, requiring all dogs for 30 days to be muzzled, closely confined, or kept under control. He also read a counter petition, urging the Board not to re-enact the ordinance, which expired Christmas day, but suggested that an ordinance be adopted increasing the tax on dogs as the best means of protecting the community from worthless curs. The Mayor in submitting the question to the consideration of the Board stated that yesterday a dog bit a colored man in Front Street Market.

By permission, Capt. A. L. DeRosset, who was bitten by a dog during the recent mad dog scare, and who went to the Pasteur Institute in New York for treatment, addressed the Board in favor of making the ordinance permanent. He opposed the views expressed in the counter petition.

Alderman Springer moved to strike out the words "for thirty days" and make the ordinance permanent.

Alderman Taylor made remarks in favor of making the ordinance permanent, and Alderman Worth took the opposite side.

Alderman Springer's motion to make the ordinance permanent was then adopted by a vote of 7 to 2. Aldermen Worth and Parker were the only members who voted no.

Upon suggestion of the Mayor, sheep were included in the ordinance forbidding cattle, goats, hogs, etc., from running at large.

On motion, the matter of scavenger work was postponed till Monday night.

The question as to renting the Opera House for a term of two years was called up. Alderman Hanby, chairman of the Public Buildings Committee, made the report for the committee, recommending that the contract be awarded to Mr. S. A. Schloss at his bid of $750. He explained that Mr. W. A. McGowan's bid of $555 "net without repairs" was rejected.

Mr. McGowan was present, and explained that his bid was misunderstood—that he had informed the Mayor how his bid should have been construed that the city would be paid $555 net, and he would make the necessary repairs.

Alderman Taylor took the ground that the bids were ambiguous, and moved that both be rejected and new bids be called for on a definite statement of the conditions. After discussion, the motion was rejected, and the report of the committee was adopted, on motion of Alderman Springer.

The Board at 10.30 P. M. adjourned.

AT LUTHER MEMORIAL HALL.

Brilliant Christmas Entertainment Last Night by Members of Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Last evening in Luther Memorial hall, corner Sixth and Princess streets, the members of the Sunday school of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church gave their annual Christmas entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large audience.

The programme which embraced many points of interest, was admirably rendered, as follows:

Song—"Children's TeDeum," by the school.
Introit—Responsive, by Dr. Voigt, and school.
Song—Gloria Patria.
Prayer.
Song—Selection by Infant department.
Story of the First Christmas—by seven little children. Caroline Voigt, Ferdinand Duls, Gesine Mohr, Chas. Richter, Armie Ingram, Louis Hansen and Eligabeth Voigt.
Song by school.
Recitations—"Little Town of Bethlehem," by Miss Ethel Counts and "Scretch it a Little," by Miss Katie Gieschen.
Song by school—"Carol, Sweetly Carol."
Recitations—"Christmas Bells," by Luther Wessell and, the "Happiest Home," by Willie Duls.
Motion Song—"Rock-a-bye Baby," by girls of the infant department.
Address—By Dr. A. G. Voigt, pastor of the church.
Anthem—"Peace on Earth," by Sunday School choir.
Collection.
Lighting of Christmas tree and distribution of gifts.
Benediction by Dr. Voigt.

The address by Dr. Voigt was a very pleasing one, delivered in his usual happy vein and was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. The tree was handsomely decorated, brilliantly lighted and the gifts were bountiful.

The collection was taken to aid in a fund for the purchase of a piano for the Sunday school. The members of the school inaugurated some time ago a systematic effort to raise $100 for this purpose before the new year. With the collection last night and other money already in sight the amount has probably been secured.

Piano accompaniments to the musical selections were played by Miss Minnie Glameyer and Miss Gertrude Wessell.

THE DOG QUESTION.

Counter Petition Urging the Board of Aldermen to Increase Tax On Canines.

The STAR on Saturday stated that a petition was being circulated, requesting the Board of Aldermen to make permanent the temporary ordinance adopted November 25th, in view of the so-called mad-dog scare, requiring dogs for thirty days to be closely confined on the premises of owners.

A counter petition was gotten up, urging the Board of Aldermen to adopt a dog ordinance on the line suggested by The STAR—that is, an ordinance to increase the tax on dogs as the best means of regulating the dog question. The opinion expressed in these columns that the close confinment of dogs would aggravate their condition and tend to produce in them the symptoms of madness, was accepted by those who know anything about caring for dogs. The fact of the business is, many dogs in the city are in a terrible condition from their confinement for the past thirty days.

The counter petition has been extensively signed. It strongly presents the matter to the Board of Aldermen, and the higher tax idea is urged as the most practical way of protecting the community from prowling canines.

EARLY MORNING MARRIAGE.

Mr. James Robert Windley and Miss Mittie Anthony Wedded Yesterday.

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents on corner Fourth and Bladen streets, a very pretty home wedding was celebrated in the marriage of Miss Mittie Anthony, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Julia Anthony, to Mr. James Robert Windley, one of the popular and efficient stamp clerks in the Wilmington postoffice. The ceremony was performed according to the beautiful rites of the Episcopal Church by Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector of St. Paul's parish.

Only a few friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the marriage and immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Windley left for a bridal tour to Washington, from which place they will not return for several days.

The happy young couple were the recipients of many pretty and costly presents.

Odd Fellow Election.

Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

N. G.—D. J. Prease.
V. G.—B. R. Penny.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
F. S.—J. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Widows and Orphans' Committee—J. E. Silva, J. A. Orrell and B. F. Penny.

These, with the appointive officers, will be installed at the next regular meeting on Wednesday night.

Endowment Rank K. of P.

At the annual meeting last night in Castle Hall of Endowment Rank No. 22, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—H. O. Craig.
Vice President—J. D. Kelly.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. D. Nutt.

The camp is reported in a very flourishing condition, having disbursed within the past four years about $26,000.

CORONER'S INQUEST NOT YET COMPLETE.

Are Inquiring Into Peculiar Circumstances of Death of Negro Sam Campbell. An Autopsy Held.

The jury of inquest empanelled by Dr. Richard J. Price to enquire into the circumstances of the death of the negro Sam Campbell, whose peculiar case was referred to in yesterday's STAR, met pursuant to adjournment at the office of Justice J. M. McGowan to hear further testimony yesterday morning. Including the testimony of Campbell's mother, eleven witnesses in all have been examined, but the jury is yet unable to prepare a verdict for the want of further testimony, which will be heard at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

Drs. Price and McMillan, assisted by Drs. E. J. Wood and G. Kirby Collier, concluded the autopsy yesterday morning and submitted the result of their investigation to the jury. The body was very much emaciated and looked as if the negro was forty years of age, when in reality he was only twenty-one. The left brain was slightly congested and the right was badly so. An external congestion was found below the occiput. The lungs were also congested, very dark, firmer than normal and exhibited signs of tuberculosis.

Dave Green, colored, testified as to the striking of Campbell in Mr. Edgar Helm's bar-room in Paddy's Hollow on Thanksgiving night. Mr. Helms ordered him to leave the place and upon his refusal to do so struck him on the back of the head with a club. Deceased said the blow did not hurt him and repeated the assertion on the following morning at the fish market. On the night in question Campbell was very drunk and Green put him on a car and sent him home.

Jerry Crawford, a half brother of the negro, testified that Campbell on Saturday after Thanksgiving complained of having a chill and a severe headache.

The other testimony bearing upon the circumstances of the blow was practically the same and of little interest.

Dr. C. P. Bolles testified as to the negro's condition while in the City Hospital for treatment. Dr. Mask, the colored physician, also testified as to having treated the case.

The jury will convene for conclusion of the investigation this morning at 9.30 o'clock.

SAINT JOHN'S NIGHT.

Joint Installation of Officers by the Different Masonic Lodges in the City Last Evening.

Yesterday was St. John's Day with the Masonic fraternity of the city and, according to the long established custom, last night the officers of the different lodges were jointly installed for service during the ensuing year.

The installation was conducted by Past Master Samuel Northrop, acting as Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Mr. Jesse Wilder as Grand Marshal.

The officers, with the respective lodges to which they belong, were installed in their order as follows:

ST. JOHN S LODGE NO. 1.

W. M.—W. E. Storm.
S. W.—C. O. Byerly.
J. W.—T. J. Pratt.
Treas.—B. H. Scott.
Sec.—W. M. Poisson.
S. D.—W. H. Fallon.
J. D.—J. W. Stormfeltz.
Stewards—A. B. Merritt and A. H. Zoeller.
Tiler—Thos. H. Johnson.

WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319.

W. M.—W. B. McKoy.
S. W.—Eric Norden.
J. W.—R. C. Cantwell.
Treasurer—W. G. A. Otersen.
Secretary—Thos. F. Bagley.
S. D.—J. D. Webster.
J. D.—John A. Karr.
Stewards—R. E. Williams, W. P. Monroe.
Tiler—Thos. H. Johnson.
Chaplain—W. S. Warrock.
Marshal—J. L. Cantwell.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395.

W. M.—Jas. W. Jackson.
S. W.—W. P. Toomer.
J. W.—A. M. Waddell, Jr.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Secretary—C. O. Brown.
S. D.—R. H. Pickett.
J. D.—J. B. Jackson.
Stewards—E. P. Willard, W. D. McMillan, Jr.
Tiler—Thos. H. Johnson.

Dog After Policeman.

Last night a few minutes before twelve o'clock Policeman C. W. Woolard, while patroling his beat, was viciously attacked by a dog in the vicinity of the Front street Market house. The dog, whether rabid or not, is not known, tore the officer's coat, but his teeth did not penetrate the flesh. Mr. Woolard attempted to kill the dog after he had freed himself of him, but the dog escaped into the dark, when a shot was fired at him.

In the same vicinity, during yesterday, a negro was bitten by a dog at the market house, but it is not probable that the dog was afflicted with rabies.

The New Lodge of Elks.

The new lodge of Elks organized here last week will be instituted tomorrow by a team which is coming from Winston. The committee is making elaborate preparations for a sumptuous banquet to be given tomorrow night at The Orton, after the lodge shall have been instituted. Fifty or more covers will be laid. Mr. E. J. Powers has been made toast master, and several gentlemen will respond to toasts.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. James Fennell, of Wallace, is here on business.

— Mr. R. H. Best, of Warsaw, was here on business yesterday.

— The STAR regrets to note that Capt. John Cowan is on the sick list.

— Mr. John H. Andrews, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. M. Powell, of Whiteville, arrived in the city on business last evening.

— Mr. Frank McNeill and wife arrived in the city yesterday and are sojourning at The Orton.

— Mr. John McLaurin, deputy register of deeds, is confined at his home by indisposition.

— Mr. W. S. Wishart has returned from Lumberton, where he went on a Christmas trip.

— Mr. S. A. King, Jr., has returned from a very pleasant Christmas vacation spent with friends at Mount Olive.

— Dr. G. Kirby Collier, after spending the holidays at home, will return to-day to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore.

— Mr. Wm. Sharp, of the Woodward-Warren Opera Company, is in the city making preparations for the appearance of his troupe, which will begin a week's engagement here Monday night.

— Mr. E. C. Zachary, of the firm of Zachary & Zachary, returned last evening from Raleigh and will resume work on the Delgado Cotton Mills this morning. He advertises this morning for eight or ten good carpenters to begin work at once.

Opera House Next Week.

One of the most favorably known of travelling theatrical companies is the Woodward Warren Company, which will occupy the board at the Opera House all of next week, opening Monday night with the great five act comedy drama entitled "Beyond the City," introducing a number of the clever specialties by the different members of the company.

The prices during the entire engagement will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, and as is the usual custom with this company, ladies who are accompanied by one paid 30 cent ticket will be admitted free.

Magnificent German.

The annual Christmas german of L'Arioso German Club was danced last night in the beautiful ball room of the Masonic Temple. It was unquestionably the chief social event of the Christmas tide and was conducted in a beautiful manner.

The floor was in good condition and the music furnished by Haywood's Capitol City Band, of Raleigh, was excellent. The ball room was handsomely decorated with holly, long leaf pine, bamboo and bunting.

There were two kinds of souvenirs—one a beautiful purse made of sealskin, with fleur de lis thereon; another, a beautiful sterling silver clasp used for a collarette or belt buckle. An elaborate supper was served at 12 o'clock.

The german was led by Mr. H. H. McIlhenny, who conducted the couples through the mazes of the dance in an artistic and graceful manner.

About forty couples were in attendance.

Christmas Packages.

Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace tells the STAR that the postoffice force this year has been very successful in handling the large mails incident to the Christmas holidays. The number of packages, he said, was larger than ever before, and it is a compliment to the clerks and other attaches of the office that not one of them was mislaid or carried over without delivery. A necktie and shirt, probably intended as a Christmas gift to some friend, were left in the lobby of the office and may be had by the owner by applying at the window. Another yule tide giver mailed a package of socks, properly stamped but with no address. This package will also be returned to the owner if his name can be ascertained.

Christmas Tree.

The Sunday School of Bladen Street M. E. Church had a Christmas tree in the church on Tuesday night and the house was packed with the little folks and their parents. The church was handsomely decorated with smilax. The tree was a beautiful holly and it was lighted with wax tapers and loaded down with gifts. Each of the children received a present of real value, besides a bag of oranges, nuts and candy. Mr. J. H. Hinton, appropriately costumed, played the role of Santa Claus.

There was some splendid singing by the school, and talks by Mr. A. P. Merritt, the superintendent of the school, and the pastor, Rev. J. J. Porter.

Junior Order U. A. M.

Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Junior Order United American Mechanics, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

C.—J. H. Swinson.
V. C.—J. B. Griffith.
A. R. S.—W. R. Hall.
Conductor—Joe F. Craig.
Warden—C. J. McKeithan.
I. S.—G. W. McMillan.
O. S.—R. F. Gurganus.
Chaplain—T. G. Williams.
Trustees—John E. Wood, Jesse Price, Joe F. Craig.
Representative to State Council—L. V. Grady; alternate, W. E. Yopp.

The above officers will be installed next Wednesday night by Deputy State Councillor Walter E. Yopp.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- - CIGARS. - -
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their
El Capitan General, 10c.
Union League Club, - 10c.
Cuban Blossom, - - - - 5c.
Renown, - - - - - - - - - 5c.
Santa Bama, - - - - - - 5c.
"War Eagle," "Old Glory" and "Match It" Cheroots.
No matter how fine or how cheap a dealer's trade may be, the above brands are not to be surpassed. Give the smokers a chance at them and they will sell rapidly. There are all kinds of goods, but the brands mentioned will whip the others to death. We are also dealers in all grades
... TOBACCO ...
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
PROVISIONS.
dec 10 tf

BALANCE
of a well assorted stock of all kinds
Christmas Goods, Candies, Fruits and Confectioneries
are now offered
For Sale At Cost
to my customers. Call to-day for Special Bargains.
J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
Inter-State 'Phone 189. 904 Princess street. dec 28 tf

Crockery,
GLASSWARE, &c.
WE ARE AGENTS FOR
Libbey's Celebrated
Cut Glass
Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.
O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
dec 24 tf

Firecrackers and Penny Candy--
We known you remember the place to get the best Xmas Goods. But let us remind you that more Xmas Goods than usual will be sold this season, and we have bought to supply our customers—
Cocoanuts, Oranges, Apples, Mixed Nuts, Candies, Cakes, Firecrackers, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fancy Goods and Everything.
We get the best prices for your Turkeys and Eggs. Enough said Come along.
T. D. LOVE,
94 North Water Street.

Steamer for Fayetteville Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers, freight and towage. For rates apply to T. D. LOVE, General Agent.
dec 12 tf

FOX RIVER BUTTER.
A shipment of this CELEBRATED BUTTER just received.
Also, several car-loads of other Groceries.
Here to do business.
Get my prices.
D. L. GORE,
Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.
dec 27 tf

OPERA HOUSE
One week Commencing Monday, Jan. 1st.
The return of the Favorites,
The Woodward-Warren Co.
Prices, 10, 20, 30 cents.
Monday night, the Great Five Act Comedy Drama,
"BEYOND THE CITY."
Ladies free Monday night when accompanied by a paid 30-cent ticket purchased before 6 P. M. th fr su dec 28 3t

FOR RENT CHEAP.
A DESIRABLE SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE
On Third street, Between Chesnut and Mulberry.
I have some desirable Real Estate for sale.
W. M. CUMMING, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT, WILMINGTON, N. C.
dec 26 tf

IT IS A MISTAKE
As stated in yesterday's "Messenger," that there are no Business Houses FOR RENT. One of the most desirable stores in the city, now occupied by Fishblate Clothing Company
will be vacant from Oct. 1st.
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PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday $1.0) a year. $1 50 for six months, $ .25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any p riod fr m one month to one year.

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THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday m rning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months 30 cents for three months.

All announce ne ts of Fairs, Festiva's, Balls, Hops Picnics Society meetings Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has e pired charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at a y price.

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Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper refere ce, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contr ct.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Ord r, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss bri fly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every o her way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is with held.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect Re olutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

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Contract advertisers wil not be allowed to exceed their space or advertis anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any specia place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

THE WAY TO SUCCESS.

Never within our experience has the subject of home manufactories and the way to get them attracted so much attention in the South as it is doing now, and never was the need of the establishment of varied industries so great. Every week there are millions of dollars invested in industries, many of them manufacturing industries, and some of these in sections where manufactories were rarely mentioned, if even thought of, a year ago. The press has doubtless done much to draw public attention to and awaken an interest in manufactories by showing how they had transformed unpretending towns into populous and wealthy cities, and how they had made some of the naturally poorest States in the Union some of the richest.

The conditions in the West are in some respects similar to the conditions in the South, for they are both agricultural sections, each cultivating staple crops and putting its main dependence upon these. As the thoughts of the Southern farmer ran upon cotton, so the thoughts of the Southern farmer ran upon wheat, and one planted his wheat and the other planted his cotton, regardless of what the prices might be, and took his chances on the markets when his crops were harvested. The West, like the South, depended upon the Eastern manufacturing States for nearly everything they used, from a hoe to a thresher; but they are getting over that to some extent, for they have seen the folly of it and their attention is being turned to stopping the drains that kept them poor. We quote the following, which we clip from the Charleston *News and Courier*, because what the Kansas City *Star* says about the West has been said time out of number about Southern communities and substantially in the same phraseology:

"The Kansas City *Star*, in commenting on the organization of a strong company to manufacture shoes in that city, says that the incident 'marks the beginning of a new era of enterprise' among the 'home capitalists,' and explains the statement in a way that may haply prove instructive and suggestive to home capital in other places.

"There has been heretofore, we are told, 'too much of a disposition'—in Kansas City—'to wait for outsiders to come in and establish new industries.' This has been 'partly because home capital available for such purpose was not plentiful,' and partly because the Kansas City men 'who are rich' made their money out of real estate, trade, etc., 'and were backward about investing it manufacturing when they could use it in undertakings they were familiar with.'

"These are well known conditions elsewhere, also, and require no explanation. Things have changed in Kansas City, however. The city has reached a stage when capital is not lacking for any profitable purpose, 'and when opportunities for investment outside of manufacturing are not as numerous nor as promising' as they used to be. The unemployed local capital is, therefore, 'turning toward factories, and will do so more and more.' This means, as interpreted by the local paper, 'that a new impetus will be given to the growth of Kansas City.' 'It signifies that the next few years will witness a rapid development of those industries for which Kansas City affords especial advantages, such as tanning, the production of leather goods, the preparation of various forms of food stuffs, woodenware, clothing, etc.'

"The Houston *Post* notes these several statements with interest and adds some pertinent observations of its own. 'Many towns and cities in Texas,' it says, have learned the same important lesson that Kansas City has learned, 'that the way to get factories with all their attendant advantages,' is not to wait for men from other cities to establish them, but to 'organize them at home, with local capital, controlled by local men,' and have applied the lesson in practice to their great satisfaction. The results of its application during the past year, 'have been simply wonderful.' 'Nearly every day some new enterprise is inaugurated in the State.' 'At least a dozen towns are now organizing cotton factories.' 'Small manufacturing concerns of various kinds' are being established in different places; and 'in the great majority of instances' the development is 'with the aid of home capital.'

"'Self-help' in such matters, as we have taken occasion to remark before, is the best kind of help for a community, because it is the surest kind, and 'gets there first,' and accomplishes its end while other communities are still waiting, waiting, waiting, and wishing, more or les hopefully, for the other kind. It appears to be doing good work for Kansas City and for many towns and citi s, in Texas. It would probably do as much for some of the waiting and wishing places in this part of the country."

What the Kansas City *Star* says of that city is generally applicable to the West, and what the Houston *Post* says of Texas is generally applicable to the South, for there are few communities in either section which could not by co-operation establish some kind of manufacturing industry to convert their raw materials into finished forms. But it is more applicable to the South than to the West because here we have a greater variety of raw materials.

Both of these papers, too, have found the way to solve the problem of new industries, namely, self help or co-operation. The way to entice outside capital to come in is to make a start and let outside capital see that there is a "paying field for it. Most of the capital invested in Southern cotton mills has been raised and invested by Southern men, who by their success have demonstrated that there is handsome profit in manufacturing cotton in the South, and the consequence is there is little trouble now in securing capital for the establishment of cotton mills in this section when the attempt is made. Hence capital and outside capital, too, can be easily secured, and the only reason why more home capital is not secured is because capital is not so abundant in this section as it might be, and will be when we get the full profit that there may be in the cotton we grow.

As it has been with the cotton mills so it is with other industries. When our own people get together, establish some of these and demonstrate that they will pay, outside capital will not only come in without the asking but hustle in. As an illustration take the case of Birmingham, Alabama. Southern men started the iron-making industry there with little capital and less experience, but they succeeded and an insignificant little town rapidly grew into a great industrial center with numerous manufactories. When outside capital and enterprise saw what was in it they went in, and they are still going in, and millions of dollars are being invested where the start was made with thousands.

Self-help and co-operation point way to success. People who show a determination to help themselves and rely upon themselves will find little difficulty in finding help from others, after they have made the start.

BIG OCEAN VESSELS.

The increase in the size, carrying capacity, and speed of ocean steamers especially, but of sailing vessels too, within the past decade or so, has been remarkable, and the tendency is still that way. Bearing upon this we clip from the Philadelphia *Record*, the following which will be found interesting:

"The tendency toward increased cargo carrying capacity of ocean going vessels is very clearly shown in the monthly returns of ships recently launched in Great Britain. During the past eleven months 598 vessels, of about 1,323,665 gross tons, were launched in the United Kingdom, while in the corresponding period of the previous year 653 vessels, of about 1,293 563 gross tons, were launched. It thus appears that there were fifty-five fewer vessels launched in eleven months of this year than in the cor responding eleven months of the previous year, but the gross tonnage was 30,102 tons greater. Two steamers of 18 835 tons gross were launched at Belfast. This tendency to increased size is not confined to ocean liners or to steamships. Schooners of 3,000 tons with six masts, are now being constructed for coastwise trade. Twenty five years ago, when regular steam communication was established between New York and Bermuda, a ship of less than 900 tons was considered amply large for the service. In fact, this was almost the limit of size; for much larger ships could not at that time enter Hamilton Harbor, the principal port of Bermuda. Since then, however, the channel has been deepened, and vessels of three times the tonnage of the original ships ply back and forth between New York and Bermuda with the regularity of ferry boats. Formerly four days were consumed in making the trip, which now occupies about six hours.

"During the war with Spain numbers of steam vessels were purchased by the United States Government at extravagant prices, the former owners realizing more than sufficient to replace the vessels with new ships of larger size, which they promptly ordered. This fact, no doubt, partly accounts for the increased tonnage of vessels launched in Great Britain during the present year."

Neither the limit in size nor speed has yet been approximated, for these are days of invention and discovery and nowhere with the exception, perhaps of the line of electricity, has this been more marked than in marine architecture and machinery. The progress made in these has been so great that it has been predicted by men who give thought to such subjects that the time is not far distant when the trip from New York to Liverpool will be made in four days or less.

Henry Labouchere says Generals Buller and White were both opposed to coercing the Transvaal Republics. There are both there now, while some of the most aggressive coercionists are in England at a safe distance from Boer bullets.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup The best remedy for Consumption. Cures Coughs, Colds, Grippe, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping-cough, Croup. Small doses; quick, sure results. *Dr. Bull's Pills cure Constipation. Trial, 30 for 5c.*

AMERICAN CORN AND MEAL IN EUROPE.

About ten years ago this Government sent a gentleman to Europe to see what could be done in the way of educating the people over there to the use of corn meal as a food. He understood his business and knew how to prepare corn meal so that it would make an inviting food. He had it cooked in various ways under his direction, and although his progress was slow at first, because it was a new thing, and so many people over there had a fool notion that corn was horse feed, and were therefore prejudiced against it, the object-lessons he presented gradually overcame this prejudice, and now corn meal is becoming one of the common and favorite articles of food.

Since 1888 our exports of corn have increased from 25,000,000 to 185,000,000 bushels, and our exports of meal from 235,000 barrels to 788,111 barrels in the same time. Farmers in Denmark buy American corn to feed their cattle. They bought 17,000,000 bushels last year, and shipped about $33,000,000 worth of dairy products to English markets. They buy the corn and make a profit on the purchase by converting it into butter and cheese. While it is well that our farmers find markets abroad for so much corn, in the form of corn and corn meal, it could be made a source of more profit to them by feeding it to cattle and hogs and sending it across the ocean in beef, dairy products and pork. That is about the only way that the corn crop is made profitable, even when sold at home.

ONE OF THE FRAUDS.

There is a big family of frauds figuring in defence of the Administration policy of expansion, a word that the expansionists think sounds better than grab. One of these frauds is that the Philippine islands will prove an inviting field to Americans who have to work for a living, because there will be so many openings when these islands come under American rule and are run according to American methods.

But right in the face of this fraud we are assured by expansionists who have lived in the Philippines and are familiar with them that they will never be worth the powder that it takes to win them without Chinese labor, which they declare is the only labor which can be utilized and depended upon in that archipelago, and for that reason they are bitterly opposed to shutting the door against the Chinese. Even supposing that the American workman could stand that climate, and be equal to the other conditions, what show would he have against the hordes of Chinese who would flock to these islands if there were a demand for their labor?

The men who are scheming to get a grip on the good things there, to become developers, railroad building, mine operators, timber cutters, &c., will employ the cheapest labor they can find, and the American worker would stand no more show of competing with John Chinaman than a bull yearling would in contesting the right of way with a mogul engine.

Since 1893 our exports of corn have increased more than four-fold and of corn meal more than threefold. Then we exported 48,602,183 bushels of corn and 235,241 barrels of meal. In 1898 we shipped 185,832,659 bushels of corn and 798,111 barrels of meal The increase of corn exports for ten months of this year are 13,000,000 bushels over those of 1898. Europeans are catching on to the true inwardness of American corn, and they haven't begun to extract exhilarating beverage out of it yet.

A fool practical joker started a run on the Portland, Maine, savings bank, a few days ago, by going around and asking people if they had heard that the bank closed its doors at 3 o'clock. That was the usual hour of closing but few thought of that, and the result was a run on the bank, which had paid out about $50,000 before the joke was discovered. There are all sorts of fools in the United States.

A soldier in New Mexico and a Kentucky girl have been bound together by wire ties. They were married a few days ago by telegraph.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1 00 Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R BELLAMY'S Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed. †

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. John McDonald, one of the best known citizens of Mecklenburg county, died at his home near Lodo Monday morning, after an illness of several months. His death was caused by Bright's disease.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: The revenue officers are doing some work among the "mountain dew" men who do not go to the trouble of securing a storekeeper to help them manufacture. Three or four of this kind were cut up last week.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Mr. Will Bost died at the W. G. Newman, Jr., hospital Saturday evening from the effects of a wound made from a pistol fired by Cliat Williams, colored —— The home of Mr. and Mrs F. H. Cushing was saddened for Christmas by the sudden death of their oldest son, John which occurred Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock. John was up and about and as well as usual Sunday morning but at the time mentioned above he fell, in the parlor and died instantly.

— Lexington *Dispatch:* Mariah Davis, colored, was found dying in an old pine field near Swearing Creek railroad bridge last Thursday morning. She was nearly frozen and half starved, claiming to have laid out all night without cover and said she had not tasted a morsel of food since Monday. Mariah is a native of this county, but had been sent to the county home of Rowan. She ran away and was en route to Lexington, but became so exhausted from hunger that she succumbered from weariness. Sheriff Dorsett was notified and went after the woman.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: A tragedy, which is claimed to have been purely accidental, was enacted in this city Monday morning in which Grant Russell shot and killed John Jeffries. Both are colored. It seems that Jeffries went to Russell's home on Cole street, early in the morning before the latter had gotten out of bed and began joking with him about sleeping so late. Russell then reached for an old pistol, which he pointed at Jeffries and fired, the ball taking dead ly effect. Jeffries lived only a short while. Russell claims that he didn't know the pistol was loaded.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: A very sad affair happened about three miles from Louisburg Tuesday morning. Mr. Howell Griffin, aged 71 years, killed himself by cutting his throat. He had been suffering with melancholy for more than a year, but especially for about a month. Tuesday morning he arose about 5 o'clock and left his house. As he did not return in about half an hour his people became uneasy and made search for him, and about 6 o'clock he was found in the pine woods about 250 yards in front of his house, dead. He had cut his throat, using his pocket knife, which had a single blade about three inches long, and apparently he had made but one stroke, entirely severing the wind pipe and juglar vein. The knife was found beside him.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The private soldier was made to be shot at, and a $12 pension is good enough for his widow. It takes shoulder straps and stars to make a hero, and to arouse the benevolence of this great republic of liberty and equality. — *Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Republican papers do not dilate on the loss of the gallant Lawton—these are but incidents in the McKinley campaign, though the sum total may foot up into a terrible whole before the next day or or reckoning. Lawton was not only "brave and skillful," but it may well be that Uncle Sam will insist on standing at his grave to ask "Was this necessary?"—*Jacksonville Times Union, and Citizen, Dem.*

—— The necessity of arresting ten of the best-known and socially most prominent men in Cuba employed as custom-house appraisers is evidence that even the best society of Cuba has not got over the idea that it is the proper thing for an official of the Government to accept bribes. Under the old Spanish regime nothing was thought of this practice, and the Cubans have not yet adapted themselves to American ideas.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— The promise of General Gomez to render active assistance at Havana to Military Governor Wood affords early assurance that the best and most influential Cuban patriots will be among the counselors of the new Cuban administration. With a few men like the sagacious Gomez to aid him, Governor Wood's task in suppressing faction and restoring public and private prosperity in Cuba would be materially lightened and abbreviated.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Horseshoes bring good luck, it is said." "Did you ever have your wife take a fancy to a gold one set with diamonds?"

— "Is this the cracked wheat, Jane?" "I dun know, mum; I ain't looked at it or teched it, an' if it's cracked it wuz cracked afore I come here."

— Edible Trimmings.—Mother—"Children, shall I buy a lace paper angel for the top of the Christmas tree?" Children (in loud chorus)—"No; git a candy one."

— I just left May Slowcoach, and she's tickled to death," exclaimed the first fair cyclist. "Why?" asked the other. "She was arrested this morn—" "O! for goodness sake—" "For 'scorching?'"

— Tommy—"Pop, a playwright is a man who writes plays, isn't he?" Tommy's Father—"Yes, my son." Tommy—"Then is a wheelwright a man who writes bicycle news?"—*Philadelphia Record.*

— Unwelcome Suitor—"That's a lovely song. It always carries me away." She—"If I had known how much pleasure it could give us both I would have sung it earlier in the evening."—*Harlem Life.*

— Mrs. Younghusband—"It's awful to think of that poor tramp being picked up dead on Chrismas Day." Younghusband—"I can just imagine how you feel, my dear, but perhaps he wasn't the one you gave that mince pie to."

— Can your baby brother talk now?" asked a visitor of four-year old Clara. "Yes," she replied, "he can say some words real well." "Indeed! And what are they?" asked the visitor. "I don't know," replied Clara. "They are words I never heard before."

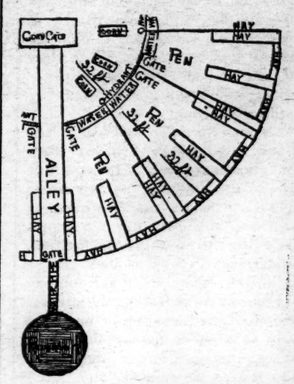
— Wife—"Do you think Tommy disturbs our neighbor with his drum?" Husband—"I'm afraid so; the man next door made him a present of a nice new knife to-day, and suggested that Tommy should cut open the drum and spend 'the money that is inside.'" *Punch.*

FARM AND GARDEN

SHEEP PENS.

A Circular Corral Which Minimises Time and Labor In Feeding.

Sheep men are divided somewhat in opinion as to the best manner of handling sheep when preparing them for market. Some prefer square or oblong pens, but a number of Colorado feeders build their pens on the general plan of a circular inclosure. The Daily Drovers' Telegram gives an account, which bears upon this point, of the farm and feeding pens of one of the most successful sheep men of the Rocky Ford region, who buys southwestern lambs and prepares them for market. It is stated that of the farm of 320 acres 250 are seeded to alfalfa and the remainder is used for pens, barns and residence. The manner in which the corrals and feed lots are arranged is an admirable one for caring for sheep, and it would be a hard matter to devise a more practical arrangement.



QUARTER SECTION OF CIRCULAR CORRAL.

The corral is circular in shape and has a smaller pen in the center. Radiating from this center pen to the outside are fences, as shown in the cut, which divide the outer portion of the corral into 12 different pens. These outside pens are called hay pens, where the sheep remain when not in the corn pens, two smaller pens in the center. At the immediate center of the corral is located the corn bin or crib. Water is furnished by means of a reservoir and pipes, which are connected with each pen, necessitating the use of six hydrants, one for each two pens. The feeding pens are connected with gates to the hay or outer pens.

Feed is given twice a day, and it usually takes three hours each time to handle the 12 pens. Two pens are fed at the same time, one pen on each side of the dividing fence, thus minimizing both labor and time. All the corn used is carefully weighed each day as it is fed. This is a point that a good many feeders overlook. A pair of hand scales is kept at the pens, and not a grain of corn more than the determined weight is given.

The accompanying diagram shows a little more than a quarter section of the whole arrangement.

Improvement of Tobacco.

Little is known of the chemical proportions of the tobacco leaf, particularly those which contribute to the flavor and aroma. It is certain that the excellence of the leaf and its adaptation to market demands are not dependent, except in a very general way, upon the amount of nicotine. It has long been known that certain of the potassium salts cannot be used at all for the production of high types of cigar tobacco, as they give the leaf a poor burn. It is furthermore an old experience of tobacco growers that excessive nitrogenous manuring tends to produce a large leaf of inferior quality, containing an increased amount of nicotine. Dr. Loew of the agricultural department is said to have found that there exist on the Florida leaf two kinds of oxidizing enzyms, distinguished as tobacco oxidase and tobacco peroxidase. Comparison with the Connecticut leaf has demonstrated to his satisfaction that it is on the difference in these enzyms and on their presence or absence that the difference in flavor and aroma depends. Having demonstrated to his satisfaction the presence of these enzyms and their effect on tobacco, Dr. Loew is now engaged in the attempt to so employ them as to produce the flavor of Florida leaf in Connecticut tobacco.

Waste Lime From Sugar Factories.

The value of refuse lime from beet sugar factories varies widely, depending chiefly upon the amount of water which it contains, says Professor H. J. Wheeler, who also tells in Rural New Yorker how to use this material as fertilizer. This lime waste should never be spread upon the surface of the ground while it is in a wet condition, or it will cake and interfere with its proper incorporation with the soil. It should not be put in heaps upon grass where it is desired that the grass should not be destroyed. It is best to apply it in small piles in the late autumn and allow it to freeze and lie until spring. It then crumbles and is spread and worked into the soil as thoroughly as possible. If preferred, it may be placed in some convenient place in long piles and worked over at intervals of a few weeks, by which process it becomes fit to apply after a few months. Aside from the difficulty of applying it and the small amount of lime actually present, the use of this material is satisfactory.

— "What's the difference between a plebian and a patrician?" "A plebian has to pay cash, but a patrician gets it charged."

No Right To Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has consumption or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood, It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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BREVITIES.

PERSONALITIES.

President McKinley is his own barber.

Senor Trentanove, the sculptor, is at work on a bust of Nelson Dingley.

Senator Forster of Washington never held any previous political office save that of county auditor.

Mme. Dreyfus, wife of the world famed captain, is a handsome woman not yet 30 years old. She is the daughter of a rich Hebrew.

M. Millerand, the French Socialist minister of commerce, is one of the best informed men in Europe with regard to American affairs.

Mrs. Southwick Guthrie of Washington is a great-granddaughter of Betsy Ross. She remembers her ancestress, who died when she was 5 years old.

Ex-Governor Francis of Missouri, who is one of the richest men in that state and was a member of the second Cleveland cabinet, began life as a newsboy.

Senator Allison of Iowa is a devout reader of the newspaper and subscribes to at least one morning paper in all the leading cities of the country.

Lord Kelvin has resigned the professorship of natural philosophy in the University of Glasgow, which he had held for 53 years. He is now 75 years of age.

Dr. Graves, who had been bishop of Limerick for 33 years, is dead at the age of 87 years. His sister was the wife of Leopold von Ranke, the Prussian historian.

Putting Collateral Up.

Oom Paul tells England that he will blow up every gold and diamond mine in the Transvaal the moment war is declared, says the Kansas City Times. That will come pretty near making John Bull stop to think.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		6¼@	6¾
Standard		6¼@	6¾
Burlaps		5 @	5½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔		12½@	15
Sides ℔ ℔		5½@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		6 @	6½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		1 15 @	1 20
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M		5 00 @	7 00
Northern		9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔		18 @	20
Northern		27 @	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		46 @	47½
Virginia Meal		@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm		18 @	25
Adamantine		8 @	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory		16 @	18
Dairy Cream		@	18
State		14 @	15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra		13 @	16
Rio		8 @	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen		18 @	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel		22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.		11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel		16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl		8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel		13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		3 75 @	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg		3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔		5 @	10
Extra		4 35 @	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight		3 75 @	3 90
First Patent		4 25 @	4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔		12½@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		52 @	53½
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store		38 @	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		60 @	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		10 @	12½
Dry salt		@	19
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay		85 @	90
Rice Straw		40 @	50
Eastern		80 @	85
Western		80 @	85
North River		80 @	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		3½@	4
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern		6 @	6½
North Carolina		5 @	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		1 15 @	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed		13 00 @	20 00
Rough edge Plank		15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality		13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned		18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n		14 00 @	15 00
Common mill		5 00 @	6 50
Fair mill		6 50 @	8 00
Prime mill		8 50 @	10 00
Extra mill		10 00 @	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		28 @	30
Porto Rico, in barrels		25 @	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads		12 @	14
Sugar House, in barrels		14 @	15
Syrup, in barrels		15 @	35
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		2 80 @	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		10 00 @	10 50
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔		10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		90 @	95
American		85 @	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M		5 00 @	6 50
Common		1 50 @	2 25
Cypress Saps		2 50 @	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		5½@	5¾
Standard A		4¾@	5
White Extra C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern		3½@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel		6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		9 00 @	10 00
Mill, Prime		7 50 @	8 75
Mill, Fair		6 50 @	7 00
Common Mill		5 00 @	6 00
Inferior to ordinary		3 50 @	5 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart		7 50 @	8 50
" Sap		5 00 @	6 00
5x20 Heart		3 00 @	3 50
" Sap		2 00 @	2 50
6x24 Heart		6 00 @	6 50
" Sap		5 00 @	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern		1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina		1 00 @	00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed		14 @	15

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Seabright, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co

Schooner Wm Linthicum, 147 tons, Brannock, Baltimore, George Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED.

Stmr E A Hawes, Smith, Mill Creek, James Madden.

Clyde steamship Richmond, Catherine, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1899.

STEAMSHIPS.

Laurelwood (Br), 1,595 tons, Mauer, J H Sloan.

Aquila (Nor), 1,407 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Haslingden (Br), 1,220 tons, Higgins, E Peschau & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Wm Linthicum, 147 tons, Brannock, George Harriss, Son & Co.

B I Hazard, 373 tons, Blatchford, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Louise (Nor) 620 tons Tommasen, Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

M O Haskell, 277 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 48 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 47½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per barrel for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 42½@42c; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30@2.30, 2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	147
Tar	258
Crude turpentine	26

Receipts same day last year.—65 casks spirits turpentine, 334 bbls rosin, 171 bbls tar, 17 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 9-16 cts.	℔ lb
Good ordinary	5 15-16	" "
Low middling	6 9 16	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good middling	7⅜	" "

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—1,527 bales; same day last year, 1,104.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05 Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm; 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Money on call was steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan at 4½ per cent., ruling rate — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm; actual business in bankers' bills at 487¼@487½ for demand and 481@481¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 482½ and 488½. Commercial bills 480@481. Silver certificates 58½@59. Bar silver 58½. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 102; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110½; do. coupon, 110½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 134½; do. coupon, 134; U. S. old 4's, reg'd; 114½; do coupon, 115½; U. S. 5's, registered, 113½; do. coupon, 113½; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 107; Southern Railway 5's 107¼. Stocks: Baltimore &

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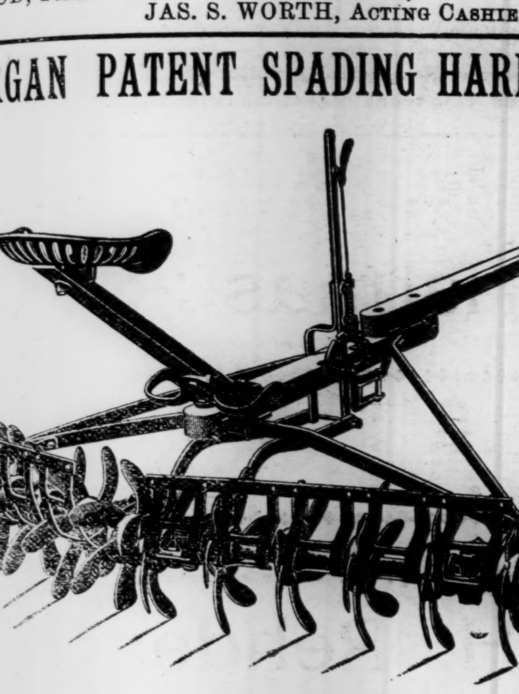

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Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O'Shanta crown, with quill, only 50c.
Long Quills, all colors, only 5c.
Five dozen Trimmed black Felt Alpines 25c.
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50 Capes in all styles, in price upward from $1.00
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Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A.M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 8:32 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 . M., Richmond 9:00 P M., Portsmouth 8:45 . M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:30 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 3:30 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:20 P. M.

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Cash in vault and in other banks	$268,830.50
Secured loans and discounts	282 349.72
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FARM AND GARDEN

CRIMSON CLOVER.

It Thrives on Thin Soil—Regions In Which It Succeeds.

Crimson clover, also known as scarlet clover, German clover, Italian clover and carnation clover, is an annual plant native to southern Europe and has long been cultivated as a forage crop in the warmer portions of that country. It is an erect, tufted plant, one to two feet high, with soft, hairy stems and leaves and usually bright scarlet flowers in elongated heads. The root system is well developed and penetrates deeply into the soil, and the plant is a vigorous grower. The seed is larger than that of red clover, oval in shape, bright reddish yellow when fresh, paler in the white flowered variety, and has a highly polished surface. The plants stool freely, many stems arising from a single root.

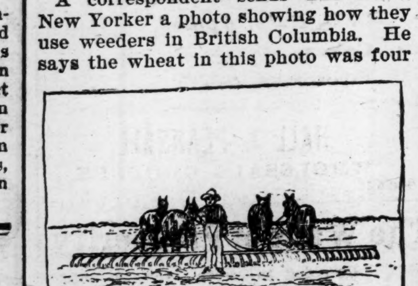
CRIMSON CLOVER PLANT.

Crimson clover will not stand severe freezing, although it is one of the so called "winter annuals" and under favorable conditions makes much of its growth during the cool, moist weather of fall, winter and early spring. Its strong growing roots enable it to secure nourishment in many soils so poor and thin that red clover would fail entirely. While requiring a warm climate, it will not endure severe drought. It thrives best on rich, rather sandy loam, but when the conditions of moisture and temperature are favorable it gives good results on light, sandy soils as well as on clays, if they are not too stiff and cold.

Crimson clover has come into prominence in this country within comparatively recent years. It can hardly be regarded as a successful crop outside of the region from New Jersey west to the Alleghany mountains and south to eastern Tennessee and Texas. Good crops are often obtained in other sections, but cannot be depended upon year after year. In the middle and south Atlantic states this clover is one of the best crops that can be grown for forage and soil renovation. It has given good results in many portions of the gulf states, but many failures are also reported. In the colder sections of the country this clover is sometimes successfully grown as a summer crop, but it usually winter kills badly when sown in the autumn. At the experiment stations in Rhode Island, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska and other states in the north and west the general results of tests show that it is too tender for the climate and is less valuable than red clover. From results recently obtained at the Alabama experiment station it seems very likely that in many cases, especially in the south, failures with the crop are to be attributed to the absence from the soil of the tubercle forming organisms which are necessary for the proper appropriation of nitrogen by the plant. These organisms being supplied to the soil, excellent crops were obtained where without them the result was a failure. These facts are a contribution by Agrostologist S. W. Williams in circular No. 17 to the investigation of grass and forage plants which the department of agriculture is pursuing.

Wholesale Weeding.

A correspondent sends The Rural New Yorker a photo showing how they use weeders in British Columbia. He says the wheat in this photo was four to six inches high and had been twice gone over with the weeder after the wheat was up. They keep these two tools at work until the wheat is too high and can easily go over 50 acres per day. It is light work on the horses.



WEEDING ON A BIG SCALE.

NOTICE.

C. D. Meares, W. L. DeRosset and others ex parte. } New Hanover county. Superior Court. Petition for Partition.

In pursuance of an order of sale, made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned Commissioner will sell by public auction to the highest bidder, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Wednesday, January 10th, 1900, (if not privately sold before that date), the following described real estate situate in the city of Wilmington, viz:

1 Lot No. 1. Beginning at the northwestern intersection of Market and Third streets and running thence westwardly with the northern line of Market street fifty three (53) feet, thence northwardly parallel with Third street seventy (70) feet and eight inches, thence eastwardly parallel with Market street fifty-three (53) feet to Third street, and thence with the western line of Third street seventy (70) feet and eight inches to the beginning.

2. Lot No. 2, adjoining lot No. 1 on the west. Beginning at a point in the northern line of Market street fifty-three (53) feet from the northwestern intersection of Market and Third streets, running thence westwardly with the northern line of Market street forty (40) feet to the line of Mrs. Potter's lot, thence north seventy (70) feet and eight inches, thence eastwardly forty (40) feet to the western line of lot No. 1, and thence southwardly to the beginning.

3. Lot No 3. Beginning at a point in the western line of Third street seventy (70) feet and eight inches north of the northwestern intersection of Market and Third streets, running thence west parallel with Market street ninety-three (93) feet to Mrs. Potter's line, thence north with said line forty-seven (47) feet, thence eastwardly ninety-three (93) feet to the western line of Third street, and thence southwardly along the western line of said street forty-seven (47) feet to the beginning.

4. Lot No. 4. Beginning at a point in the western line of Third street one hundred and seventeen (117) feet eight (8) inches north of the intersection of Market and Third streets, thence westwardly ninety-three (93) feet, thence northwardly fourteen (14) feet and four (4) inches, thence westwardly seventy-two (72) feet; thence north twenty-six (26) feet; thence eastwardly one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to the western line of Third street, and thence along said line south forty (40) feet four (4) inches to the beginning.

5. Lot No. 5 Beginning in the western line of Third street one hundred and fifty eight (158) feet from the northwestern intersection of Third and Market streets, thence west one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet, thence north forty (40) feet four (4) inches, thence eastwardly one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to the western line of Third street, thence with said western line of Third street forty (40) feet four (4) inches to the beginning.

6. Lot No. 6. Beginning at the northeastern corner of Second and Market streets, thence along the eastern line of Second street northwardly sixty-six (66) feet, thence eastwardly parallel to Market street thirty (30) feet, thence southwardly parallel with Second street sixty-six (66) feet to Market street, and thence west along the northern line of Market street thirty (30) feet to the beginning.

7. Lot No. 7, adjoining Lot No. 6 on the east. Beginning thirty (30) feet from the northeastern corner of Market and Second streets, thence with the eastern line of lot No 6 northwardly sixty six (66) feet, thence eastwardly thirty-seven (37) feet nine (9) inches, thence south wardly sixty-six (66) feet to Market street, thence westwardly along Market street thirty-seven (37) feet nine (9) inches to the beginning.

8 Lot No. 8, adjoining lot No. 7 on the east. Beginning sixty-seven (67) feet nine (9) inches from the northeastern corner of Second and Market streets, thence northwardly sixty-six (66) feet, thence eastwardly twenty-one (21) feet, thence southwardly sixty-six (66) feet to Market street, thence westwardly along the northern line of Market street twenty-one (21) feet to the beginning.

Terms of sale cash. Time of sale 11 o'clock A. M., January 10th, 1900. Place of sale County Court House.

WM. L. DEROSSET, Commissioner.

This 2nd day of November, 1899.
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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79,160.98	
Due from other banks	169.160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	—327,652 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas.	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207,693 55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	—1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	73,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

Fresh shipments of W. L. Douglass SHOES for men and boys.

And they are growing more famous every day.

Also, for Ladies' and Misses' wear, the Duttenhofer and "Jenness Miller."

They are making new friends every day.

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On Railroad street, convenient to both railroads

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MULLETS, new catch.
Best Cream Cheese,
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A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS IN DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.

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Call at No. 7 South Front street, where you will find E. W. Guion, Cornelius Davis and Henry Harris three of the most accomplished Barbers in the city. Send your children to us to have their hair cut. Shave only 10 cents Boys' haircut 20 cents.

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We now offer the following valuable property:

Standing Timber

For sale, the timber on a tract of land near Bannermann's Bridge, North-East river, on tide-water. Over One Million feet of fine Cypress timber on this land.

Timbered Lands.

Two Hundred and Twenty-six acres on Roan's Island on Cape Fear river. Some valuable Cypress and Gum timber.

Eighty Acres Near Burgaw.

One 80-acre tract of Land within half mile of Burgaw. None cleared, but easily put in state of cultivation.

Valuable Farm near Greenville, N. C.

A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village, Pender county—25 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

Fifty Acres of Land

One-half mile from South Washington, on the W. & W. R. R., in Pender county. Borders on county roads. Very valuable for trucking.

Property in Burgaw.

Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington.

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,
R. G. GRADY & CO.,
Burgaw, N. C.
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ATLANTIC & YADKIN RAILWAY.

Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52.	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington......Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Fayetteville......Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv......Sanford......Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv......Climax......Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv......Walnut Cove......Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv......Mt. Airy......Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 64.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 65.
8 00 a m	Lv......Bennettsville......Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv......Maxton......Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs......Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	4 33 p m

No. 46 South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	No. 47. North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 30 p m	Ar......Ramseur......Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Climax......Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv......Madison......Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railrord, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agt.
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METHODIST PARSONAGE,
ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Oct. 14, 1898.

I can bear testimony to the great value of Barium Rock Spring Water for Eczema and other eruptive diseases of the skin. I have known MANY CASES CURED, some of them of the most stubborn character.

Truly, JESSE H. PAGE.

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JAS. D. NUTT.
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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists,

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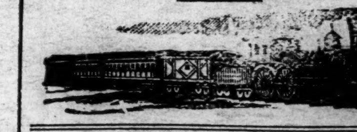

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6 59 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.38 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 33 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.28 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.19 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.03 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.20 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A M., Rowland 10.54 A M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.43 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.21 5A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliott 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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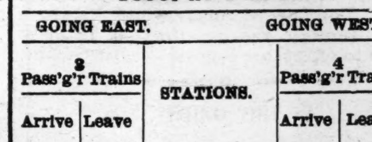
Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.



To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 33	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

aug 6 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

We wish our friends and patrons

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS,"

and sincerely thank them for their liberal patronage during the holidays.

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Immense Hardware and House Furnishing Establishment

Owen F. Love & Co.

Open this week every evening till 10 o'clock.
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Well, Christmas is Coming, and

I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Cloak, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at $2 48, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collarette at $1.75 and $2 00. Some very nice ones at $4.00 and $5 00, with the Capes and Fur and Heads and Tails on it. And if my mamma will, I shall ask her to buy me some good every-day Dress Goods. Nice pretty patterns in them. Plaid remnants in 10 to 20 yard pieces at 6c. A nice new one-half Wool Dress Goods, Rough Finish, at 12½c and 15c. A splendid Plaid, bright and pretty, at 29c.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for $1 00 a pair. My School Shoes, solid and good, he can get at 85c; and the run is large sizes, from 3's to 6's.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at $1.50 or $2 00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 50c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 29c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or $1.00. Do you know it don't take much money to fit me up, as I do not have any fandangles. There is where you win; they do not cost much when you buy them at the right place.

Big miss, you shan't have it all. My papa says he is going to buy his baby a nice long Cloak at 75c, a pretty trimmed Hat, trimmed up to suit baby. Nice pretty styles at 75c, and a beautiful Silk baby Cap at 25c. And those little soft Christmas Shoes, laced up with red strings for 25c; Fur all around the top for 35c and 50c. And the nicest little soft warm baby Mitts at 5c.

Do you think papa can buy half of the things we want? Well, yes; they won't cost much. And he and mamma need some good Winter Clothing. I know where he trades, because he always does buy reliable, honest Goods, and gets them cheap at the Big Racket.

My mamma says she is going to buy a Carpet for her front room and her parlors, and says she can buy a good Ingrain Carpet at 29c, and good Brussels Carpet at 45c; a good Hemp Carpet for the dining room at 18c; a nice Matting for her spare room at 18c and 20c; and some Shades at 10c and 25c. Some Lace Curtains for the parlor at 98c a pair. And some nice Silkaline for a Lamberquin at 8c. And, just think, after buying these goods so cheap, the Racket Store man will give my mamma a real nice, large Willow Rocking Chair for a $25.00 purchase, a set of fine China, six Cups, six Saucers, six Plates and one large Bowl for a $25.00 purchase.

They Have About Twenty-five People Pushing Out Daily at Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROP.
dec 10 tf

$600 Worth . . . of Drummers' Millinery Samples on sale at THE BEE HIVE.

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All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c.
We Bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections. If you look you will buy at

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Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

W. H. GAYLORD.
nov 10 tf

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You couldn't select anything better, and we have a lot of them to select from.

S. & B. SOLOMON
Wholesale or Retail.
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OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.

NOTHING NICER THAN A DESK OR ROCKER FOR XMAS GIFTS.

FIVE PER CENT. OFF FOR CASH.

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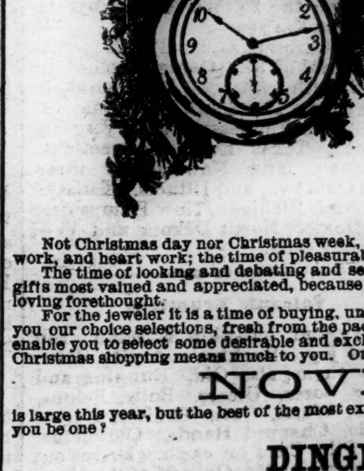

Not Christmas day nor Christmas week, but the plain time, the best time, the time of head work, and heart work; the time of pleasurable anticipation and enjoyable plans.

The time of looking and debating and secret whisperings, out of which will be evolved the gifts most valued and appreciated, because carrying with them, weeks of self-denial, search and loving forethought.

For the jeweler it is a time of buying, unfolding and displaying. The time when we can show you our choice selections, fresh from the packing boxes. The time when your early coming will enable you to select some desirable and exclusive article to be "laid aside." A time when early Christmas shopping means much to you. Our line of

NOVELTIES

is large this year, but the best of the most extensive stock always go to the "early birds." Will you be one?

DINGELHOEF BROS.,
Jewellers and Scientific Opticians, Parlor No. 123 Market St.
dec 17 tf

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

THE SOUTHERN AND THE S. A. L.

Agreement to Maintain Existing Rates During Next Year at Least.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 26.—At a conference of representatives of the Southern Railway Company and the Seaboard Air Line, recently held in New York it was decided that the two companies would, during the coming year, at least, maintain existing rates. The conference related to the existing agreement entered into on January 1st between the Baltimore Steam Packet Company and the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company. President John Skelton Williams and Vice President and General Manager Sherwood, of the Packet Company, and General John Gill, president of the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, conferred on this subject with President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern railway; Rueben Foster, general manager of the Chesapeake Line, and Skipwith Wilmer, who is the Baltimore counsel for the Southern railway.

It is understood that a disposition was shown by both sides to reach an arrangement for the continuance of the agreement expiring in January, and of another agreement, which runs out at a later date.

The rumors that there is to be another war between the Southern railway and the Seaboard Air Line are said by those in a position to know to be without foundation.

It is stated that both systems have all the business that can be handled at present rates, and not only the opposition of financial interests, but that of the mercantile community as well, would prevent any move in the direction at present.

STAMPS ON VOUCHERS.

Interesting Question Decided by Judge Simonton in the U. S. Circuit Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 27.—United States Circuit Judge Simonton to-day handed down a decision in the case of the Granby Mercantile Company, of Columbia, against Webster, collector of internal revenue, which involves a very interesting question of law and will add considerably to the war taxes, if all mills have the same system of paying hands as some of those in this State.

Briefly stated, the mercantile company sold goods to Granby mill operatives, and the accounts when presented to the treasurer of the mill were paid out of money due the operatives. In order to protect itself, the mercantile company took vouchers for each account, and under the stamp law Collector Webster held that a revenue stamp had to be attached to each and every order. The commissioner of internal revenue sustained the collector and the mercantile company paid two cents on 15 847 orders. Subsequently suit was brought for the return of the amount, but it has been refused by the court and the complaint was today dismissed.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

An Advance in Prices All Along the Line. Improving Conditions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The market for securities showed the effect of the great relief felt by the distribution of several factors of apprehension, and prices mounted upward with increasing buoyancy as the day progressed. The market closed with a burst of animation and strength at the top level of the day. Net gains in a number of important railroads reached three points, with a long list of advances a point or better. Among the industrials and specialties gains were even more striking, quite a number having advanced four to ten points as a result of the day's trading. The demand from an outstanding short interest, to cover, accentuated the strength of the latter group, those which have recently suffered most showing the greatest benefit from the day's business.

Grave fears were felt that the resulting shrinkage in values would prevent many operators on the London Exchange from meeting their engagements at the current settlement. The news that no acute difficulties had developed, that money conditions were easy and prices inclined to advance rather than to decline, brought immense relief, which was promptly reflected at the opening here in an advance all along the line.

FATAL STREET DUEL.

Two Men Killed and a Third Man Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., December 27.—In a street duel at Deposit to day two men were killed and a third probably fatally wounded.

James Harden's throat was cut from ear to ear by his nephew, Jesse Harden. The former is dead. John C. Harden, a brother of the dead man, was seriously cut by Jesse Harden, and as the fight was drawing to a close Mac. Russell discharged a load of buckshot into the abdomen of Jesse Harden, causing death. All the parties are well known and prominent in politics. The cause of the fight is not known..

TORPEDO BOAT STOCKTON.

Launched Yesterday at Richmond, Va.—To Make Twenty-six Knots.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—Despite the fact that it was snowing heavily, a large crowd assembled at the Trigg shipyard here to witness the launching of the torpedo boat Stockton. The Stockton is a sister boat to the Shubrick which was launched at the Trigg yard some weeks ago.

Miss Katherine Stockton, the oldest unmarried daughter of the oldest son of Commodore Stockton, christened the boat and the affair went off without the slightest hitch. The Stockton is 175 feet long, seventeen feet beam, four feet four inches draught, and is expected to make on her trial trip twenty six knots.

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Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are very dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures Headache, Constipation. Only 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

If you wish to sell a farm or city property place it in the hands of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency. R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C. †

GENERAL BULLER AT TUGELA RIVER.

The Boers in Strong Force and Their Position One of Extraordinary Strength.

NO MOVEMENTS OF MOMENT.

Skirmishing Near Kimberley — Disaffection of Dutch Colonists in Natal Causes Uneasiness—No Change in the Situation.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 28.—The *Morning Post* has received the following from Mr. Winston Churchill, under date of December 26th, telegraphed from Chievely camp, where he has arrived after his escape from the Boers, viz:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief, and the soldiers are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader.

"The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills, lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front.

"The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

Christmas Cheer.

CHIVELEY CAMP, NATAL, Dec. 25.—Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with the temperature 102 degrees in the shade, the British to-day enjoyed characteristic Christmas cheer. Gleenfell and Kirkwood, of the South African light horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrols along the eastern hills. Their horses returned at night alone.

Colonel Donald, of the Royal Fusiliers, has had his collar bone broken by being thrown from his horse while on outpost duty.

The Situation Unchanged.

LONDON, December 27.—The War Office here has received the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Tuesday, December 26th:

"There is no change in the situation. Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is engaged in entrenching three and a half miles from his outlying posts.

"Methuen reconnoitered with two squadrons of mounted infantry for two miles along the line and drew the fire of four guns and two Vickers machine guns. Four horses were hit.

"The Queen's Christmas message was received with enthusiasm.

"Gatacre is endeavoring to re-open communication with the Indwe collieries."

Roberts and Kitchener.

GIBRALTAR, December 27.—The British steamer Dunottar Castle, having on board General Lord Roberts of Kandahar, commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, arrived here yesterday evening.

General Sir Kitchener, who came from Egypt to join General Roberts as his chief of staff, embarked on board the Dunottar Castle and the vessel sailed early this morning for Cape Town.

LONDON, December 27.—The Rhodesian Mafeking relief force, according to a dispatch from Mochudi, Bechuanaland, dated Saturday, December 16th, was progressing slowly, owing to the necessity of repairing the bridges, averaging one per mile.

An intercepted Boer mail bag, it is added, shows that twenty Boers were killed and many wounded during the British attack on the Sequani laager.

Dutch Disaffection.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from Modder river represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand west as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

It is announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kurman and have all withdrawn to Magersfontein.

The Cape Town correspondent of the *Times*, under date of Friday, December 22, says:

"Anxiety regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They make no effort to conceal their sympathy with the two republics, and the only question now is whether if the military situation is not changed they will keep from open rebellion.

Reconnoisance from Kimberley.

KIMBERLEY, December 20.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning detachments under Col. Peakman, with three Maxims and three seven-pounders under Maj. May, reconnoitered. Leaving the entrenchments, the British advanced on Toll Pan. The Boer pickets fired and our Maxims replied, the Boers disappearing over the ridge. Our guns then began to shell Toll Pan at a range of 2,500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched we withdrew. Their guns are well placed.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS.

In Number of Textile Mills Constructed in the Last Half of 1899.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., December 27.—The number of textile mills constructed or contemplated in the United States for the last half of 1899, as reviewed by the *American Wool and Cotton Reporter*, is 183, against 116 for the first half of the year. This makes a total of 299 mills for the year, against 262 for 1898 and 155 for 1897.

The South still leads in the new mill construction with a gain of fourteen mills over the number for the first of the year. The North has shown a greater increase, having an accession of 53 over the 25 reported the first six months in the year.

North Carolina, as usual leads the list with a total of 31. Georgia comes in second, with a total of 21. Pennsylvania shows 19; South Carolina 18; Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia six each, Texas five; Connecticut, Louisiana, and New Jersey three each; Ohio two, and Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota and Vermont one each.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

S. A. L. CONSOLIDATION.

Primary Step Taken by Stockholders of the Florida Central and Peninsula Railroad Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 27.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Florida Central and Peninsula Railroad Company was held here today. Resolutions were passed authorizing the consolidation of that company with the South Bound Railway, the consolidated company to be known as the Florida Central and Peninsula Consolidated Railway Company.

It is supposed that this is the primary step to the consolidation with the Seaboard Air Line, the local consolidation being opposed by the Dutch syndicate of minority stockholders, 23,000 shares. The opposing resolutions were all defeated by the majority stockholders, the vote being in round figures 219,000 shares against 22,000. Everetts, Clevate & Beaman represented the Dutch syndicate through their local representative, Horace Bisbee

Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, served notice on the stockholders that suits were pending in the Federal courts of North Carolina and Virginia to prevent consolidations of roads in which Ryan is interested with the Seaboard Air Line.

OTIS ISSUES A DECREE.

Authorizing Celebration of Civil Marriages in the Philippine Islands.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—General Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to that effect to-day and the secretary promptly approved the action. Heretofore all marriages were celebrated by the Catholic Church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privileges of civil marriages to those who desire it, just as practiced in the United States.

WHITES ARMING.

Negroes Threaten to Burn the Town of Fort White, in Florida.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 27.—There is much excitement at Fort White, a town thirty miles from here, over the threats of the negro portion of the population to burn the town. The negroes are excited because of the killing of Tom White, who resisted arrest, by the town marshal. The marshal acted in self defence and the shooting is regarded as justifiable. The white people have armed themselves and are on their guard.

SIMONTON HEARS ARGUMENT.

In Case of the Railroads Against the N. C. Corporation Commission.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 27.—Before Judge Simonton, in the United States Circuit Court, here to day, is being argued the case of the railroads against the North Carolina State Corporation Commission.

Judge Simonton recently reduced the Corporation Commission's assessment of railroad tax values by ten millions. The commission now claims it has the right to fix such values and argues that the Federal court must accept the State's construction of its own laws.

INCENDIARY FIRES.

W. C. Stoy Arrested in Augusta, Georgia, Charged With Arson.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—W. C. Stoy was arrested late last night on a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police Hood, charging him with arson.

Stoy is an excursion manager. The three disastrous fires in this city recently—their origin pointing strongly to incendiarism—have greatly excited the people. Recently a building was fired three times in one day in the lower part of the city, and last night shortly before the big fire, the department was called to a residence on Walton Way, to a fire plainly incendiary, which was also a second attempt on that building.

AFTER NINETEEN YEARS.

An Escaped Convict From Georgia Arrested in Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 27.—Governor Candler to day received a telegram from Governor Johnson of Alabama stating that James Hall, an escaped convict, has been arrested in Birmingham. Hall was convicted of simple larceny in Muscogee county, Georgia, in 1872, and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. He served nine years when he escaped, and has been at liberty nearly nineteen years. Recently Hall had a quarrel with his brother, who betrayed him to Sheriff O'Brien, Birmingham. He will be returned to Georgia.

PROBABLE MURDER IN SAMPSON.

Miles McDaniel, a Prominent Citizen, Seriously Wounded by a Negro.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

GARLAND, N. C., Dec., 27th, '99.

On Christmas afternoon, Mr. Miles McDaniel, a prominent citizen of this place, was struck a blow on the head with a scantling by Primus Robinson, a big burly negro of bad character, and his wound is considered a mortal one. The negro made good his escape though every effort is being made to effect his capture.

IN THE ORIENT.

It Is Believed That War Will Break Out in the Spring.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 27.—Mail advices received from the Orient to-day state that Russia and France are conniving together in encroaching on Chinese territory and against England and that Japan is buying immense quantities of rice. It is believed that war will break out in the Spring.

E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers, of Boston, have suspended business. The firm is one of the largest in the city. Its dealings have been principally in municipal bonds. No statement of assets and liabilities has been made.

PROPOSED FENIAN RAID IN CANADA.

Regarded As Merely a Bluff to Keep the Canadians at Home.

MOVEMENT TO AID THE BOERS

Special Assessment On Members of Ancient Order of Hibernians—Statement of an Officer of the Clan-Na-Gael. Enlisting Men in New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Relative to the attitude of the Irish revolutionary societies toward the government of Great Britain at the present juncture of affairs, the *Evening Post* today quotes an officer of the Clan-Na-Gael as saying:

"England can only be made to feel the physical force, and we're now going to give her some Boer treatment. We did intend going out and sinking that first expedition from Canada to South Africa, but thought it better to wait a little. We can mobilize our men without much difficulty for an attack on Canada, and we are fairly well armed—as well as the United States troops in the Spanish war. We have lots of Springfield rifles and are handy with the bayonet.

"No decision has been arrived at yet. Everything will depend on the immediate future. We have either regiments or companies all over the United States and they are fairly well drilled, and a great many of our men are in the militia. The Ancient Order of Hibernians has really nothing to do with this. It numbers about 250,000 and a majority of its members belong to our organization. All of its officers do, and, of course, it will act with us. We have lots of men in the regular army—camps or clubs in every post—and even if they were sent against us to stop us on the border they would either march across with us or give us blank cartridges.

"If it is decided to attack Canada, we shall do all in our power to keep matters so secret as not to embarrass the government until we are actually on the border. The French population in Canada would be with us, and there are numbers of our own countrymen ready to welcome us. Canada would be an easy mark. We would have the Canadian loyalists on the run in a week.

To Aid the Boers.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27.—There is a general movement among the Irish citizens here to aid the Boers in their war with England. A call was to day sent out for a special assessment on every member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which there are 25,000 in this city. A return of $25,000 is expected, which will help to swell the general fund of $1,000,000 which Irish organizations throughout the country seek to raise.

P. J. McManus, a prominent Irishman, said to day that preparations are being made for a public meeting at the Academy of Music Final arrangements will be completed at a meeting of the county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians next Friday.

Bluffing Canadians.

In speaking about the alleged plot to raid Canada, Mr. McManus said: "The proposed Fenian raid, if there is any such thing contemplated, is against the rules of international law. The loyalty of the Irish in this country leads them to regard the announcement as merely a bluff to keep the Canadians at home."

It is expected, he says, that the meeting at the Academy of Music will result in a $50,000 fund to fit out a hospital relief ship.

Enlisting Men in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The work of enlisting men in this city to take the Boers' side in the war is in charge of two agents who operate in a saloon near Police headquarters.

The leader in the movement is Gustav Silon, a Boer, recently arrived from the Transvaal. Associated with him is a young German, Henry Scharff, who has lived many years among the Boers and who reached New York a week ago from Pretoria.

A number of people, chiefly young men, have gone to the Transvaal. Some two hundred left a week ago add sixty went just before Christmas.

WARM WIRELETS.

The German warships Nixe and Von Moltke, used as training ships for naval cadets, have arrived at Havana after a cruise through West Indian waters.

A party of Ohio and Pennsylvania capitalists have purchased 3,300 acres of oil, mineral and timber lands in the mountains of East Tennessee. The property will be developed and oil wells sunk.

Queen Victoria has proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State, or to ship or transport merchandise thereto, under penalty of the law.

A cablegram received from England by the military authority at Halifax, N. S., orders the Lienster regiment, known as the Royal Canadians, to sail on January 10th for duty in South Africa.

The American ambassador in London, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, has not yet received instructions from Washington regarding the seizure of cargoes of American flour by British warships off Delagoa bay.

Fire at Fort Wayne, Ind., destroyed the wholesale and retail dry goods establishment of George Oswald & Company and the crockery store of M. F. Kaag, causing an aggregate loss of $200,000, on which there is a total insurance of $135,000.

General Otis has notified the War Department of the arrival at Manila of the transports Duke of Fife and St. Paul, carrying the Thirty-eighth infantry, and the transports Ohio and Indiana carrying the Fortieth infantry. There were no casualties.

President Murphy, of the New York Board of Health, at the meeting of the board yesterday, decided that the coffee which arrived on the bubonic infected vessel, J. W. Taylor, should be permitted to land. He decided that the coffee should be roasted in Brooklyn.

The British consul at Noumenea, confirms report that the plague, in a severe type, is raging and that many deaths from that cause have occurred in New Caledonia. The government of Australia has taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumenea.

While James Jones, his wife, two children and brother-in-law were walking on a high trestle near Anderson, S. C., a train suddenly came upon them. Mrs. Jones was killed, her body being horribly mangled. The others jumped into the swamp below. All were badly injured, but it is thought they will recover.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

MURDERED HER MISTRESS.

Execution of a Young Woman at Brandon, Manitoba—She Confessed the Crime.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BRANDON, MANITOBA, December 27.—Emily Hilda Blake, a domestic, was hanged here this morning for the murder of Mrs. Lane, her mistress. The execution was private, only a few persons obtaining the privilege of witnessing it.

Miss Blake, who was only 22 years of age, walked firmly to the scaffold without assistance and was the coolest of the party, with the exception of hangman Ratcliffe. She made no statement.

The girl confessed that she committed the crime, saying she did it because she loved Mrs. Lane's children and was jealous of the mother's love. Her trial was very brief, as she refused all offers of counsel and pleaded guilty.

A RACE RIOT.

Two Negroes and a White Man Killed at Ridgeland, South Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 27.—A *Constitution* special from Columbia, S. C., says:

News has reached here of a race riot at Ridgeland, Beaufort county, in which two negroes and a white man were killed and several others wounded. Ridgeland is a small town on the coast, thickly populated by negroes.

A Leesburg, Fla., dispatch says 94,000 acres of land have been recently purchased in Lake county, Fla., by the Dukes of North Carolina. They expect to cut off and utilize the timber and plant the land in tobacco, and eventually run a railroad across the country to connect with the Florida East Coast railway.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Saw Mill for Sale, including 40-horse-power Boiler, 35-horse-power Engine, Mill, Planer Sulngle Machine, Rip and Cross-Cut Saws, about 2,000 feet 1¼ Pipe, Tools, Belts, etc. Located at Freeman's, N. C. Sickness cause of selling. Address "Mill," Byrdsville, N. C. dec 28 3t*

One Photograph Free of charge We are always giving some big bargain at the Star Studio, and now we are giving one fine Photo mounted on an 8x10 card free of charge with every half dozen of our Cabinets. We had a fine trade through all the Christmas, and best of all many customers returned to give their compliments for the high grade work and the low prices which always prevail at the Star Studio, 116 Market street. dec 23 tf

Wanted—Eight or ten good Carpenters at once. Apply to Zachary & Zachary. dec 28 1t

For Rent—Rooms over stores 113 and 115 South Front street, either as a whole or part suitable for private family or boarding Terms reasonable. Apply to A. D. Wessell dec 23 1

Eggs for Sale—Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs at $1.00 per setting, at J. S. McEachern's Grain and Feed store, 211 Market street. dec 28 1t*

Printer Wanted—A good all-round Printer, thoroughly competent to take charge of a weekly newspaper as Foreman. Must be strictly temperate and a capable workman (no others need apply). A steady job to the right man. Eight dollars per week. Write at once, with stamp, giving experience and references. "The Headlight," Goldsboro, N. C. dec 28 3t

Wanted—Board for man and wife in private family strictly. Address, X, care of STAR office. dec 27 2t

Medallion Portraits—I am now prepared to furnish the beautiful original Medallion Portraits. I am the first to offer you these lovely pictures. A thing of beauty is a joy forever; also, the up-to-date Celoson Panel. Come and see specimens in water colors, sepia and carbonet. U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street. dec 27 tf

The Season's Greetings, friends! Had it not been for you our Christmas would not be so merry. May yours be merry, too. We thank you for your patronage in the past and hope to merit it in the future. John G. Russell, 413 Orange street; Bell 'Phone 198. dec 24 tf

"Christmas Gift!" Columbia Phonographs, at Charles M. Whitlock's. dec 15 tf1 jan 1

Notice—Don't fail to examine my stock of Holiday goods, Oranges, Apples, Malaga Grapes, Nuts, Cocoa Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Prunes, and a nice line of Fancy Candy. Prices are right if given a chance. A. S. Winstead. dec 10 tf

Christmas is almost here, and you ought to have your share. The only way for you to have it is to have some of those fine Photos that they are making at the Star studio at a special rate this month. Think of it, three different styles and four Pictures of each kind for only $3 00. Come and see! the only way for you to realize the bargains we are giving our hundreds of customers, and we guarantee that every one of them is highly pleased. Yours for the best work and the lowest prices. Star studio, 116 Market street. dec 9 tf

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It is made in a perfect manner. The buttonholing is as good as can be done; the stitching is strong and even; the bosom is re-enforced. One of the most important things about our Shirts, the price, is moderate.

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1200 Pounds Evaporated Apples.
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Latest styles and lowest prices is his motto. dec 12 tf

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Candies, Nuts, Raisins,
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with feasting and good cheer. If you intend receiving New Year's calls you will want to lay on your table the choicest that the market affords in all the relishes. Tinned and Potted Meats. Fish. Pickles. Cheese and Dressed Poultry, which we have furnished

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BALANCE

Christmas :-: Goods

-AT COST-

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All Kinds Nuts.

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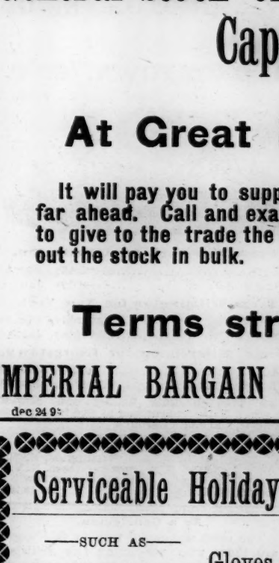

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